

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the requested amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to correct formal matters advanced in the Office Action. Citations located on pages 30 and 31 of the specification have been inserted where appropriate earlier in the text of the specification as requested. No new matter has been added.

Concerning the drawing objections, the formal matter noted in the Brief Description of the Drawings for Figure 2 has been corrected. Figures 1-7 are submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to the specification and drawings have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-16 and 18 have been rejected on formal grounds under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to obviate these formal matters. The SEQ ID NO: \_\_\_ has been consistently used in claims 1, 2, 13, 17 and 19 to agree as amended in the specification. The "about" or indefinite terms have been removed from claims 7, 9, 11 and 12. Typographical error have been corrected in claims 2, 3 and 4. Clarity and grammar usage has been improved, without new matter introduced, in claims 1, 2, 4-7, 12 and 16. Claims 8 and 10 have been deleted. Consequently, the rejection has been overcome.

This amendment is being filed with a Three Month Extension of Time Request and the requisite fees. ✓

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4300 referencing Docket No. 041144 F 010.

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